

Stowe

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Are you ready for some football and skiing, or maybe some skiing and some football? If you are then Stowe is the place to go. 3 days of skiing plus super bowl Sunday you can't beat that with a stick or ski pole.

So why may you ask should I pick Stowe? Well according the Stowe winter guide, Stowe has the longest average trail length in the Northeast. With top to bottom trails on Spruce Peak and Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak, Stowe also boasts the longest average trail length in the Northeast.

There's the over easy gondola Getting from one mountain to the other is faster and easier than ever with the Over Easy Gondola, connecting the bases of Mount Mansfield and Spruce Peak.

If lessons are what you want (or in my case what I need) then Stowe's Ski and Snowboard School staff are experts in customizing every learning experience. Highly knowledgeable reservation specialists connect every guest with the perfect coach for their needs and desires.

And did I mention football?

Stowe offers top-to-bottom runs with groomed cruisers, bump runs, and some really fine glade skiing. The infamous front Four (Starr, Goat, National and Lift Line) are arguably the most exciting runs in the East. For the novice skiers and riders, there's an entire mountain (Spruce Peak) Kris-crossed with easygoing runs. And with the longest average trail length in New England, be prepared to spend some time on the mountain. The eight person gondola will whisk skiers from bottom to top in a blazing seven and a half minutes.

Of course if you don't want to ski then there are other things at Stowe to include dog sledding, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, snow mobiles. Stowe is blessed with some of the best terrain and snow conditions in the east for these activities. Ben and Jerry's ice cream factory (14 miles), Cabot Dairy Farm (28 miles), or spa at Topnotch (1/2 mile), are also a short distance from the lodge.

We will be staying at the Town and Country Inn. The Town and Country Inn offers indoor pool, spa plus meals, the Fireside Pub and of course one super bowl party. Transportation to the mountain is not a problem. The Fall Line bus will take us direct to the mountain and of course The Stowe Mountain Road Shuttle offers free transportation to get you around. The shuttle runs from 7 AM till 10 PM regularly between Stowe Village and resort with abundant stops along the way for those late sleepers.

Your price includes round trip motor coach transportation from Cherry Hill to Stowe Mt. Vermont, three night's accommodations at the Town and Country Motor Inn, three-day lift ticket, three breakfasts and two dinners, Après ski party on Saturday at the Rusty Nail Bar. Super Bowl get together on Sunday, and as always there will be beer, wine and soda on the bus.

This trip opens October 6, 2008, for an early sign-up discount of \$529. The price increases \$30 after that date to \$559 so come Stowe, have 3 great days of skiing and oh yeah, get ready for some football.

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